

CONFERENCES AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Conferences

AAAM Annual Conference

The African American Association of Museums will hold its annual conference August 20-23, 2003 at the Chattanooga Marriott Convention Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The conference theme is, "Helping to Shape the Landscape of African American History." The AAAM invites proposals that explore how the African American story is shared with the world and how African Americans re-invest in their cultural heritage.

For more information on the call for papers and conference details, visit the AAAM website, <http://www.blackmuseums.org>, or contact William H. Billingsley: phone, 937/376-4944, x123, e-mail: info@blackmuseums.org.

ASALH 88th National Meeting

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) will host its annual meeting September 23-28, 2003 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The theme, "The Souls of Black Folks," commemorates the 100th anniversary of W.E.B. Du Bois's book. It will feature scholarship on African American history, culture, politics, and society.

For more information on proposals, contact Dr. Fancille Rusan Wilson, c/o ASALH, 7961 Eastern Avenue, Suite 301, Silver Spring, MD 20910; or e-mail: asalh2003@aasp.umd.edu.

National Trust's Annual National Preservation Conference

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (National Trust) will hold its annual meeting September 30-October 5, 2003, in Denver, Colorado. This year's theme, "New Frontiers in Preservation," will address diversifying the preservation movement, historic landscapes and downtowns in the age of sprawl, and preservation of post-World War II resources, among other topics.

For more information, contact Renee Harrison at 202/588-6095, e-mail: renee_harrison@nthp.org, or visit their website at www.nthpconference.org.

Sixth Annual Congress of the Americas

The Vernacular Congress, in association with the Instituto de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades of the Autonomous University of Puebla, various popular and American culture associations, and other academic groups will host the 6th Congress of the Americas, the International Colloquium for Vernacular, Hispanic, Historical, American and Folklore Studies, October 9-12, 2003 in Puebla, Mexico.

Topics will include anthropology, sociology, archeology, gender, tourism and travel, Central America, communication, computing, culture wars, photography, psychology, Chicano and Chicana issues, Mexican History, art and architecture, linguistics, folklore, poetry and literature readings, music and performance, dance, film and television, food, computers, education, and urban issues.

For more information, contact Norma Contreras at rio08533@mail.udlap.mx or visit the website, <http://www.ipsonet.org/vernacular/>.

Call for Papers

New England Slavery and the Slave Trade

The Colonial Society of Massachusetts; the Du Bois Institute, Harvard University; the Museum of Afro-American History, Massachusetts; the National Park Service; the Omhundo Institute for Early American History and Culture, and Suffolk University will hold the conference, "New England Slavery and the Slave Trade" in Boston, Massachusetts, on April 21-23, 2004.

Conference organizers are currently accepting proposals. Presentations should be limited to the colonial period, but might extend through the first quarter of the nineteenth century as well. Public history treatments of New England slavery and the slave trade will be critically examined during the conference. Presentations could include museum exhibits, first and third person interpretation in historical re-enactments, and documentary films. Proposals are due September 1, 2003.

Because the Colonial Society intends to print a volume of selected proceedings drawn from the conference, formal academic papers should not have been previously printed elsewhere.

A brief description of the proposal should be sent to John W. Tyler, Editor of Publications, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 87 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, MA 02108, e-mail: jtyler@groton.org.